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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial Number: 09/440,340  
Application Filed: 15 November 1999  
Applicant(s): Hince, et al  
Application Title: Primarily Organic Solid-Chemical Composition and Methods for Anaerobic Bioremediation  
Examiner/GAU: Deborah K. Ware/1651

Mailed: 31 July 2001

At: Florida, NY

Amendment A

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed 21 March 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

**Claims:**

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~~Cancel claims 1 to 23 and substitute new claims 24 to 77 as follows.~~

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02 08/08/2001 135.00 08/08/2001 135.00 08/08/2001 135.00 08/08/2001 135.00
24. A solid-chemical composition which provides the capacity to extract and absorb hydrophobic chemical contaminants and to promote the biodegradation thereof, comprising:
- a. One or more plant materials selected from the plant families *Leguminosae* and